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September 11, 1995

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RE: ARRB Additional Information Request No. CIA-6

Dear John:

As a part of our examination of the documentary record surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, we would like to conduct a systematic review of cable and dispatch traffic between the CIA's Mexico City station, CIA headquarters, and JMWAVE during the period immediately surrounding Lee Harvey Oswald's visit to Mexico City and the assassination of President Kennedy. It is our understanding that although copies of many of the cables and dispatches are already in the Oswald and JFK files, not all cables and dispatches are included.

We hereby formally request the CIA to assemble all of the cable traffic and dispatches for the period September 26, 1963 through October 20, 1963 and November 22, 1963 through December 30, 1963 between: (a) the Mexico City station and headquarters, and (b) the Mexico City station and JMWAVE.

Because it may be appropriate in the future for us to examine all similar traffic between CIA headquarters and JMWAVE during this period, would you please provide us with your best reasonable estimate of the amount of time and effort that would be entailed in assembling cables and dispatches between headquarters and JMWAVE for the same period identified above?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

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12 September 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: Fred Wickham
DO Focal Point for
JFK Board Requests

FROM: John F. Pereira
Chief, Historical Review
Group

REQUEST: Assassination Records Review
Board Request No. CIA-6

1. Attached for the DO's response is Request No. CIA-6 from the Assassination Records Review Board, dated 11 September 1995.

2. The request is for cables and dispatches between Mexico City Station and Headquarters, and between the Station and JMWAVE for two periods in late 1963. The Board also has a question about similar traffic between Headquarters and JMWAVE for the same time periods.

3. Please advise how you would like us to reply to the Board. I suggest we discuss what arrangements would be appropriate for providing access to the documents requested while assuring proper protection of sensitive information.

John F. Pereira

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All cable traffic to and from Mexico City for
October-December 1963. 6 Jan 78
78-0070

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All dispatches to and from Mexico City for
the period of 15 October through 26 November
1963. 8 Mar 78
78-1058/2

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October 27, 1996

Mr. Barry Harrelson
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Re: Status of Assassination Records Review Board Requests to CIA for
Additional Information and Records

Dear Barry:

I am writing to follow-up on our letter of October 7, 1996, regarding the status of Assassination Records Review Board requests for information and records from the CIA.

Formal Requests:

CIA-1

Review Board staff review continues. No CIA action needed at this time.

CIA-6 (Cables and dispatches)

CIA has agreed to make records available (or to have a response) by November 1, 1996.

CIA-7 (Histories)

Counterintelligence. CIA has made material available and Review Board staff examination is ongoing.

Mexico City. The Review Board awaits CIA's compilation of the portion of the Mexico Station history that was shown to G. Robert Blakey.

Mr. Barry Harrelson

October 27, 1996

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Other Histories. No response has been received to our agreement that CIA identify within two weeks the histories that can be made available and those that should be subject to further discussions.

CIA-8 (Intelligence community staff)

CIA had promised to provide a report to the Review Board within two weeks. Nothing has been made available.

CIA-9 (Publications and analytical materials)

We have received no materials responsive to this request. Additionally, no response has been received from CIA regarding the list of publications that are identified in an LBJ Library finding aid that the Review Board staff provided.

CIA-10 (Interagency source register)

CIA has not yet made available the records that it had agreed to provide within two weeks. *(was Oswald on)*

CIA-11 (Duran's original statement)

CIA has agreed to make some further attempts to locate Duran's original statement.

CIA-12 (JMWAVE materials)

CIA has agreed to make materials available on a rolling basis.

Informal requests:

Spas Rankin. CIA has made the Spas Rankin file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff will discuss issues with CIA. *files from collection pulled / waiting*

ARRB staff review
IN 23738. CIA is searching for cable number IN 23738 (7 July 1962). - copy sent

Marilyn Murrett. CIA has made the Marilyn Murrett file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff

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October 27, 1996
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will discuss issues with CIA.

HTLINGUAL. It is the Review Board staff's understanding that CIA continues its search for HTLINGUAL records and will provide an oral briefing on the subject. It is also our understanding that some HTLINGUAL records have been located, but that they have not yet been made available to the Review Board.

Recent and additional informal requests that we have discussed with you:

Operational Reports for Cuban Exile Groups. The Review Board staff has been unable to locate in the collection monthly operational reports for the DRE, CRC, or MRR for the period between March 1963 and March 1964. Please advise us whether these records exist and when we may review them.

Moscow. CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding Mosco as discussed with Michelle Combs on October 24, 1996.

Tape. CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding a tape as discussed with Irene Marr on October 24, 1996.

Please let me know of any inaccuracies in this letter or any suggestions that you have. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,



T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel and Associate Director for Research



Washington, D.C. 20505

4 February 1998

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Dear Mr. Gunn:

Re: ARRB Request No. CIA 6, for Information
CIA Cable Traffic For Specific Periods

The following is responsive to referent request.

Via referent request, the ARRB asked for additional information on cable traffic and dispatches between CIA headquarters, Mexico City and JMWAVE. Specifically, the staff asked that the Agency provide as a package all such cables and dispatches for the periods 26 September through 20 October 1963, and 22 November through 30 December 1963.

As you know, within the sequestered collection, there are several chronological dispatch/cable collections, but the earliest that any of them commence is 1 October 1963. In general cable traffic and dispatches are not available as a chronological collection and thus, for the period 26 through 30 September 1963, it is not possible to provide cables and dispatches in a chronological/package form. During the periods in question, the Office of Communications (OC) only held cables long enough to ensure that they were successfully transmitted to the named recipient. On occasion, because processes and resources required to perform cleanup activity varied, cables were sometimes held for longer periods but not with the intention of creating a long-term reference collection.

In addition, the offices of record for the origination of cable traffic and dispatches did not create cable and dispatch files for reference collection purposes. The originating office maintained a temporary paper cable chrono, usually retained for not more than ninety days. Then, because this temporary chrono copy was not the "official" or "record" copy, it was destroyed. Accordingly,

we can only assume that those chronological compilations which do exist were assembled and preserved solely because of the assassination of the President and, none had an earlier start date than 1 October 1963.

There is no electronic repository for cables and dispatches from the stations. Once cables were printed out they went to the addressee and then into specific files.

If you require anything further in this regard, please advise.

Sincerely,



J. Barry Harrelson

SUBJECT: ARRB Request CIA 6, for Information on
CIA Cable Traffice for Specific Periods

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22 January 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: (U) Chief, JFK Declassification
Project/HRP/OIM/DA

FROM: (U) Fredrick C. Wickham, Jr.
Chief, External Support Group/IMS/DO
Central Intelligence Agency

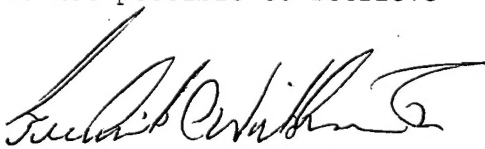
SUBJECT: (U) DO Response to Formal Request CIA #6

REFERENCE: (U) ARRB's Memorandum dated 18 December 1997,
RE: Status of CIA Responses to
Assassination Records Review Board's
Requests for Additional Information and
Records

(U) This memorandum is submitted in response to formal request number 6 (CIA #6) from the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB).

*CIA-6 Cables and dispatches

(C) All cable traffic and dispatches for the period September 26, 1963 through October 20, 1963 and November 22, 1963 through December 30, 1963 between: (a) the Mexico city Station and Headquarters, and (B) the Mexico City Station and JMWAVE are not available as a chronological collection. The Office of Communications (OC) only held cables long enough to ensure that they were successfully transmitted to recipient. Because processes and resources to perform cleanup activity varies, cables were sometimes held for longer periods but not with the intention of becoming a long-term reference collection. The offices of record for the origination of cable traffic and dispatches did not create files in this manner. The desks maintained a temporary paper cable chrono. These were not usually retained for more than 90 days. Because they were not the official copy, they were destroyed. There is no electronic repository for cables and dispatches from the stations. Cables were printed out and went into specific files. It is not possible to retrieve this cable traffic and these dispatches.


Fredrick C. Wickham, Jr.

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